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Claim 19, line 2, delete "the step of".

Please add the following claims:

-- <sup>5</sup>~~24~~. A method of treating chronic rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody against an interleukin-6 receptor and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

<sup>7</sup>~~25~~. The method according to claim <sup>6</sup>~~24~~, wherein the antibody suppresses abnormal growth of synovial cells.

<sup>8</sup>~~26~~. The method according to claim <sup>6</sup>~~24~~, wherein the antibody is an antibody against a human interleukin-6 receptor.

<sup>9</sup>~~27~~. The method according to claim <sup>6</sup>~~24~~, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

<sup>10</sup>~~28~~. The method according to claim <sup>6</sup>~~24~~, wherein the patient is a human.

<sup>11</sup>~~29~~. The method according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~28~~, wherein the antibody is administered in four divided doses of from about 1 to 1000 mg.--

Abstract

Please add the attached abstract to the application.

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